

Saturday, January 2, 2010



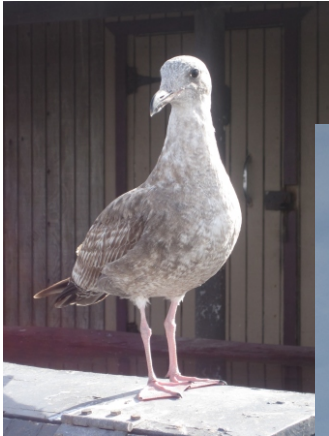
We spent the first week of 2010 at the Marriott Newport Coast Villas. Marc, Amanda, Alex and Alexis spent the first weekend with us.



Our balcony view at sunset.



**Sunday,
January 3, 2010
Newport Beach**





Hundreds of surfers could be seen from the Newport Beach pier.



We had lunch at the Crab Cooker



While Alex napped, Sharon, Alexis and Gary visited Balboa Island and a Costa Mesa bead store.





Alex loved the Newport Beach carousel and the ferry boat ride to Balboa Island.



Balboa Island after dark - the houses on the harbor were still decorated for Christmas.



**Monday, January 4, 2010
Alexis returned to San Francisco.
We spent the morning at
Crystal Cove State Park,
then Marc, Amanda & Alex
left for Fresno.**

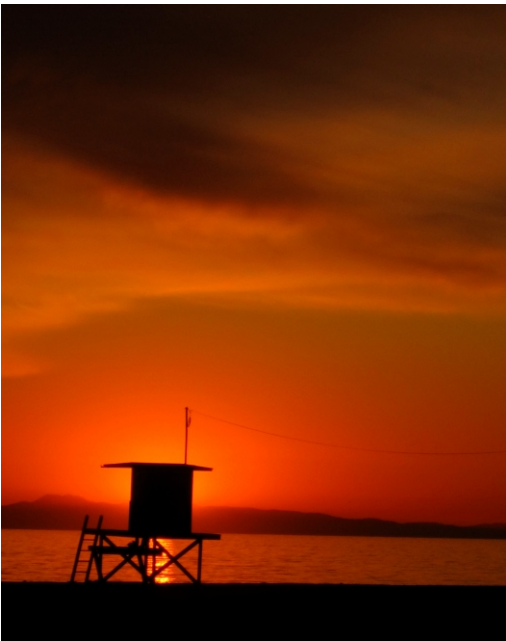




**Sherman Library and Gardens
Corona Del Mar**



Pier and beach at sunset - Newport Beach



**Tuesday, January 5, 2010
We had a late breakfast at the
Beachcomber Café at
Crystal Cove.**





Thursday, January 7, 2010
We rode on the bicycle path
next Huntington State Beach.



Our building at
Marriott Newport Coast



We ended our day at
Laguna Beach.



Friday, January 8, 2010

We spent the entire day on the beach at Crystal Cove, including a great lunch at the Beachcomber Cafe.



Saturday, January 9, 2010

We bicycled from Santa Monica to Venice Beach then headed home to Clovis.



January 21, 2010
Happy 61st birthday,
Papa!





**January 23, 2010
Sharon riding sidecar on "Marina",
with Bob Gibson.**



**January 31, 2010
Early Valentine's gifts**



February 23, 2010
Marc is assembling
Alexander's new playhouse,
a gift from Papa and Grandma.



March 6, 2010

Alexis drove to Clovis to share in the visit from Tony, Erica, Domenick, Cameron and Bradley Rossi. Tony, Domenick and Cameron went to a monster truck show in Fresno while Bradley got to know his cousin Alexander.





The cousins had a good visit!





March 7, 2010
The San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild show.
Sharon had eight quilts in the show:
Keeping The Bugs Out, Oceano, Rising Sun





***The Past, Under Lock & Key,
Snowflakes, Squares Squared
and Unraveling.***



March 7, 2010
We went to look at
the house that
Marc & Amanda
are buying in Clovis -
four bedrooms,
two baths,
3 car garage
near Dry Creek Park,
built in 2006.



**March 8, 2010
Groundbreaking for the Leo Politi Garden
at California State University Fresno.
(Denise Sciandra in blue jacket)**



**March 13, 2010
Home Gardening
“Tea and Talk”
at Linda and Ivy’s
home. Sharon
decorated for
the event.**





**Garden designer Jody Palmer shared the process she used
 in designing Linda & Ivy's front garden. The desserts
 speak for themselves!**



March 14, 2010
We celebrated Amanda's birthday with dinner and cake.





Happy Birthday Amanda!

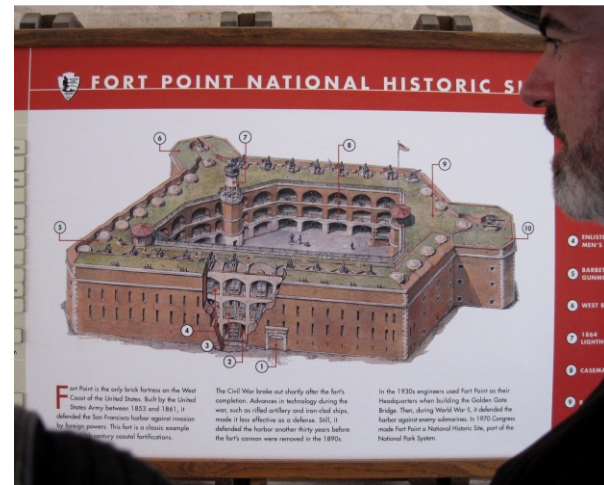
March 21, 2010



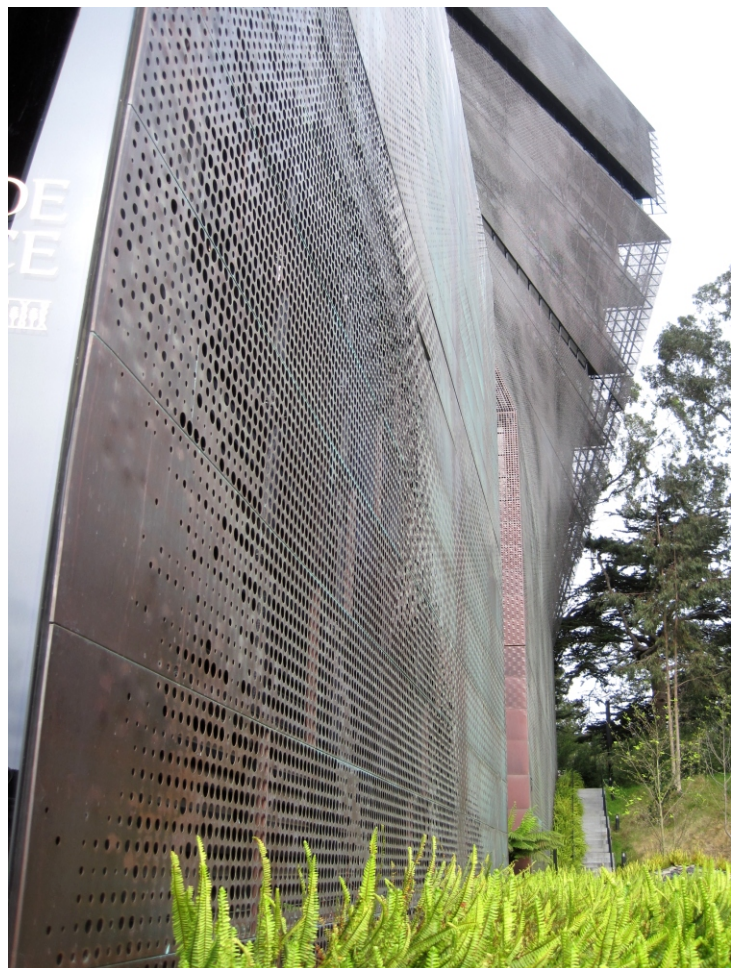
We spent the weekend in San Francisco celebrating Alexis's birthday. On Saturday we sampled a wealth of chocolates at the Chocolate Salon at Fort Mason.



We strolled down the bike path to Fort Point, under the Golden Gate Bridge.



March 22, 2010
We enjoyed a beautiful spring day at Golden Gate Park visiting the DeYoung Museum and the Japanese Tea Garden.



**The Japanese Tea Garden
in full spring glory**



April 3, 2010
Dyeing eggs for Easter





April 4, 2010
In the morning we looked for our baskets left by the Easter Bunny





Alexander also found Easter eggs in the front garden.



**The weather turned chilly
In the afternoon as contestants
lined up for the annual
Easter Egg Obstacle Race.**



**Sal tests his
skill with the
egg hammer.**

**Sharon tries to catapult her egg
into the target bucket.**



From the reactions, can you tell which contestants catapulted their egg into the bucket?



**The coveted 2010 Easter Egg
Obstacle Race Winner was
Marc Rossi and the Loser
was Ron Mansfield.
Congratulations to
you both!**



**A sweet ending to
a fun day.**



May 9, 2010
Mother's Day





May 19, 2010
Celebrating Amanda and Marc's
4th wedding anniversary



May 22, 2010
Alexander's second birthday party
at Marc & Amanda's new house

Zia Alexis created a "Blue Dump Truck"
cake for Alex and his friends



Blue eyes, blue truck, blue mouth!





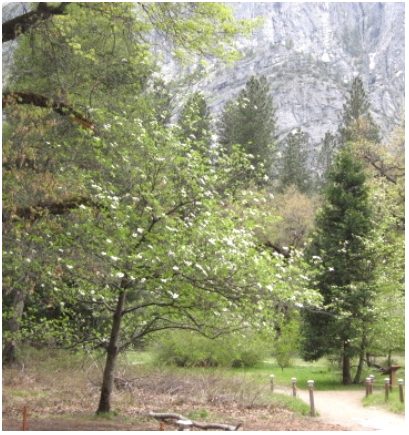
Amanda read a new birthday book to Alex and his gang



In the evening, Alex celebrated his birthday again at Papa and Grandma's house



May 24, 2010
Yosemite National Park





June 7, 2010
Papa and Grandma took
Alex to the park



June 14, 2010
We celebrated an
early Father's Day
by going to the zoo





**June 19, 2010
Father's Day weekend in
Napa with Alexis. First we
visited an ancient Persian
palace (Dariush Winery).**

Then we visited a medieval European castle (Castello Amorosa Winery).



June 20, 2010
Then we visited an early California mission
(Robert Mondavi Winery).





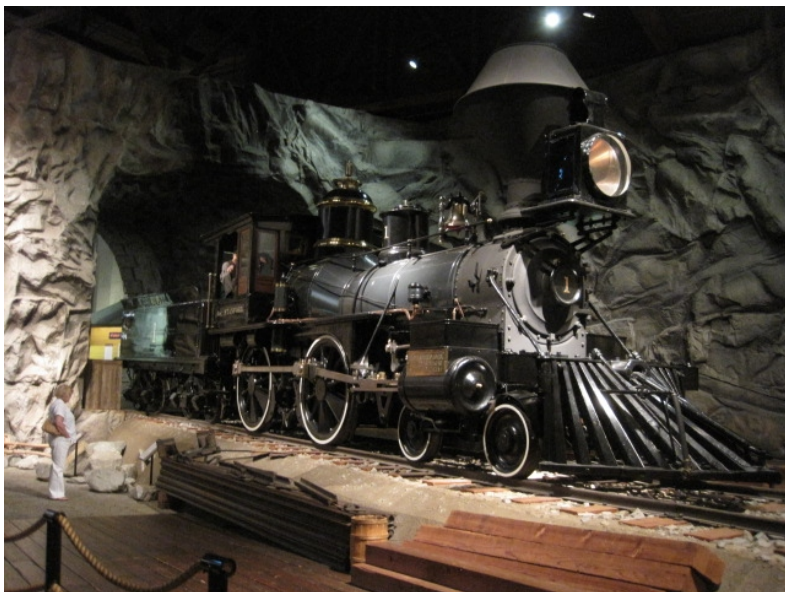
**Great pastries at Bouchon Bakery
in Yountville, then an excellent
dinner at Oenotri in Napa**

June 21, 2010

**Gary & Sharon visited Old Town
Sacramento and the California
State Railroad Museum.**



**Gary is standing next to one of the
largest locomotives ever built.**



July 31, 2010 - Papa & Grandma took Alex to the zoo and nearby Storyland.



Alex especially loved the train.





August 21, 2010

Amanda, Marc, Alex, Sharon & Gary came to San Francisco for Alexis' Ice Cream Smackdown Party.

We met up in Japantown. Alex was wearing a "Big Brother" shirt, thereby announcing the good news about Amanda's pregnancy!



August 22, 2010

Preparations for the Ice Cream Smackdown party.





**By popular vote
the Smackdown
winners were
Jeannie, Alexis,
Marissa & Bea.
Ken and Lincoln
were the
Masters of
Ceremony.**





**Miniature art quilt "SF"
created for Alexis by her mom.
The building in the center depicts
the house where Alexis lives.**



**September 4, 2010
Alexis visited us in Clovis
over Labor Day weekend.**

**Grandma is resting in Alex's
toddler bed while Alex reads
Grandma a story.**





Oceano



Rising Sun



5 Inch Quilt



Alexander's Windy Day



SF



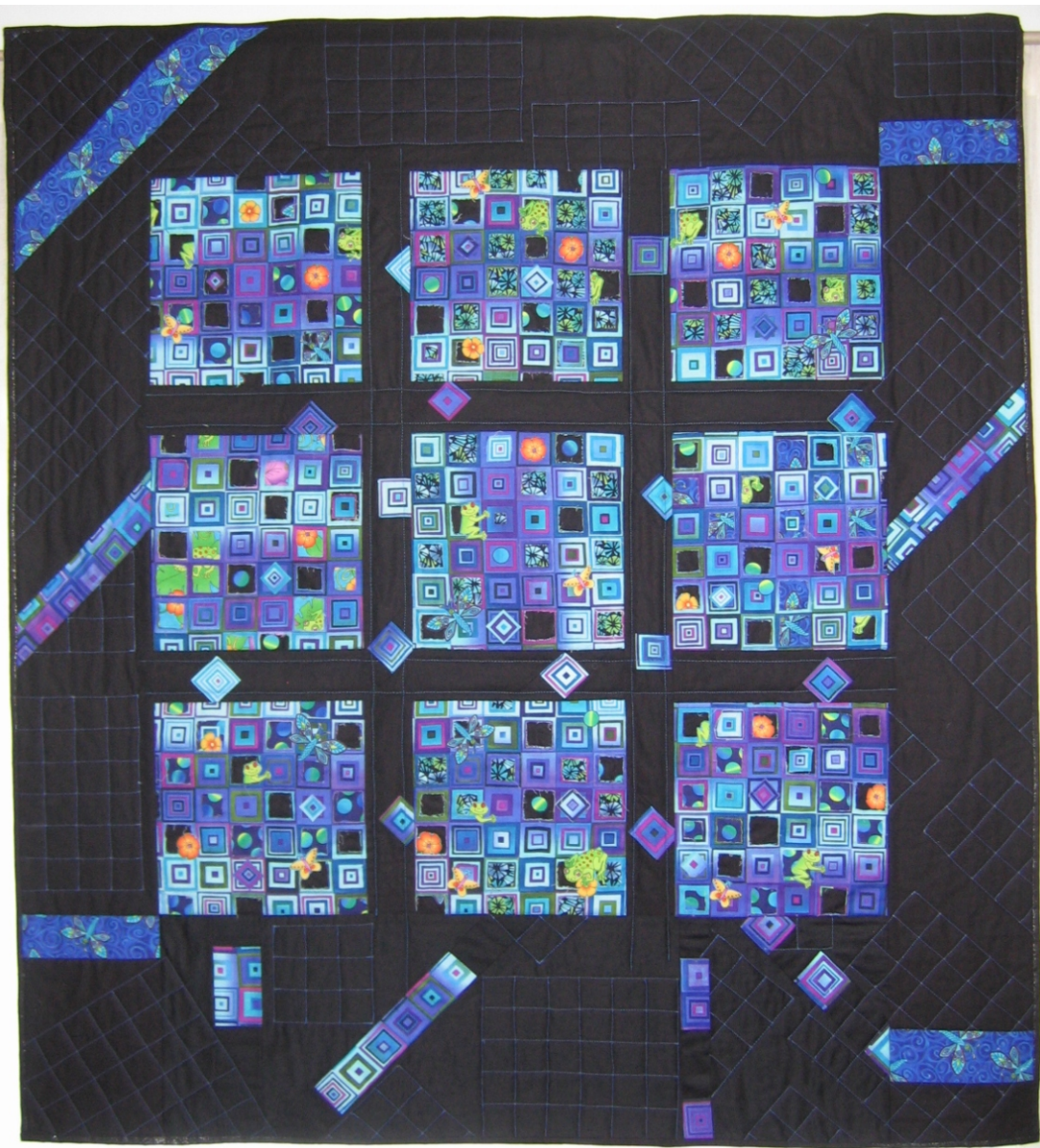
Birds of a Feather



Snowflakes



Deer Scroll



Squares Squared



Cranium

October 17, 2010
Alex visits the Pumpkin Patch with
Mama, Daddy & Zia Alexis





Threads, a fabric art album honoring the families of Sharon Stiens Rossi and Gary Dominic Rossi, designed and fabricated by Sharon Rossi.

**October 24, 2010
Zoo Boo at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.
Alex is wearing
his lion costume
made by his Gigi
in Texas.**



**October 30, 2010
Dinner with Ivy and Linda**



**October 31, 2010
On Halloween
Zia Alexis spent
the day with
Alex and went
trick or treating
with Alex wearing
her Gingerbread
Man cookie sheet
costume.**





November 6, 2010
Gary and Sharon spent the day
hiking in Kings Canyon National Park.



November 9, 2010
Alex's play group
visited Clovis
Fire Station #5.

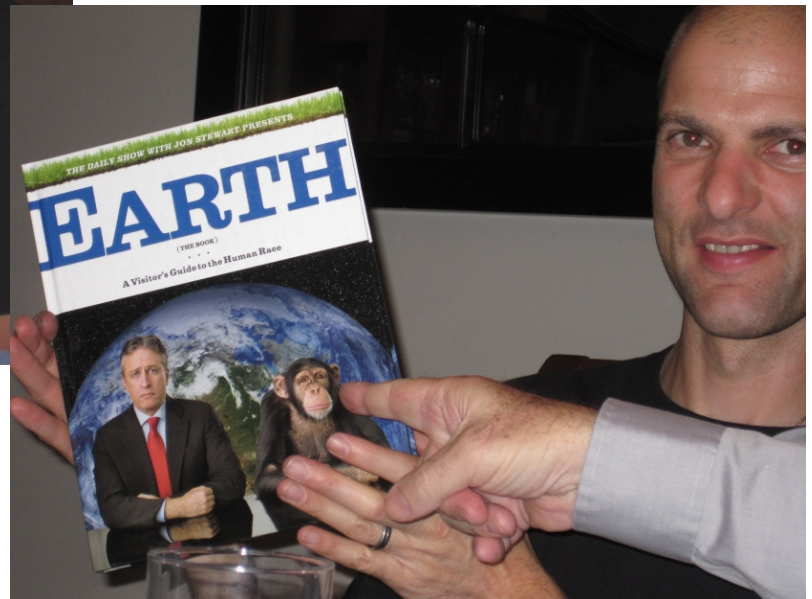
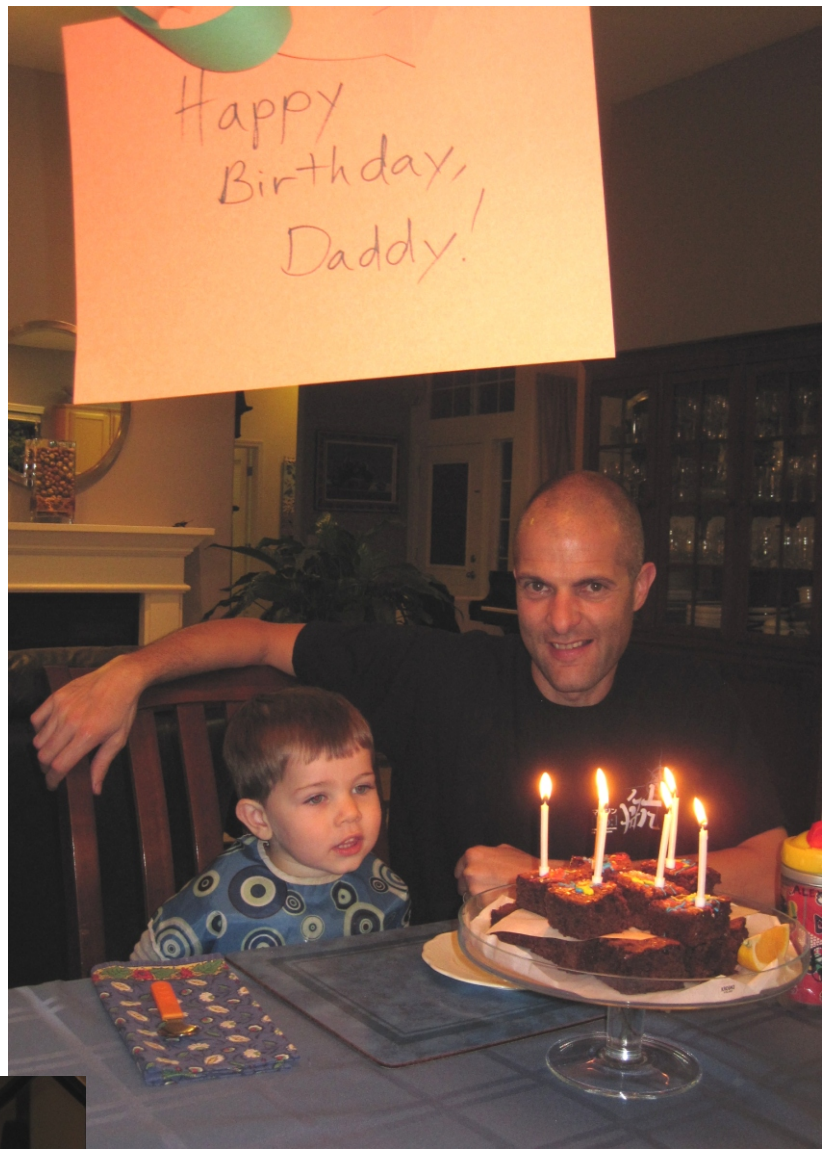




**November 18, 2010
“One Enchanted Evening”
in Old Town Clovis. Alex
loved the trains, the
horses and the
pedicab ride.**



November 19, 2010
Alex & Grandma made brownies
to celebrate Marc's birthday.





**November 25, 2010
Our Thanksgiving feast
shared with Ivy & Linda
who brought the desserts.**





November 26, 2010
Papa, Grandma & Zia Alexis went to the
zoo and on the train ride with Alex.





November 27, 2010
We attended an
open house craft
show at Kliszewski
Glass in downtown
Fresno.



November 28, 2010
Alexis started her
Christmas baking
and helped Alex
make a gingerbread
man cookie.



**December 2, 2010
Alexander painting his
family Christmas gifts.**



**December 12, 2010
Alexis's Cookie Smack-down Party
at her apartment in San Francisco.
Sharon was the Master of Cermonies
Christmas Elf**



**Prizes were awarded
for the favorite cookie
in each category**



**December 14, 2010
Christmas Tree Lane dinner and
walk at Ivy & Linda's house.**



**We opened gifts, walked
down Christmas Tree Lane
and met with Santa.**



**December 24, 2010
Christmas Eve at
Papa & Grandma's house**



**Trombone Christmas Carolers
at the front door**

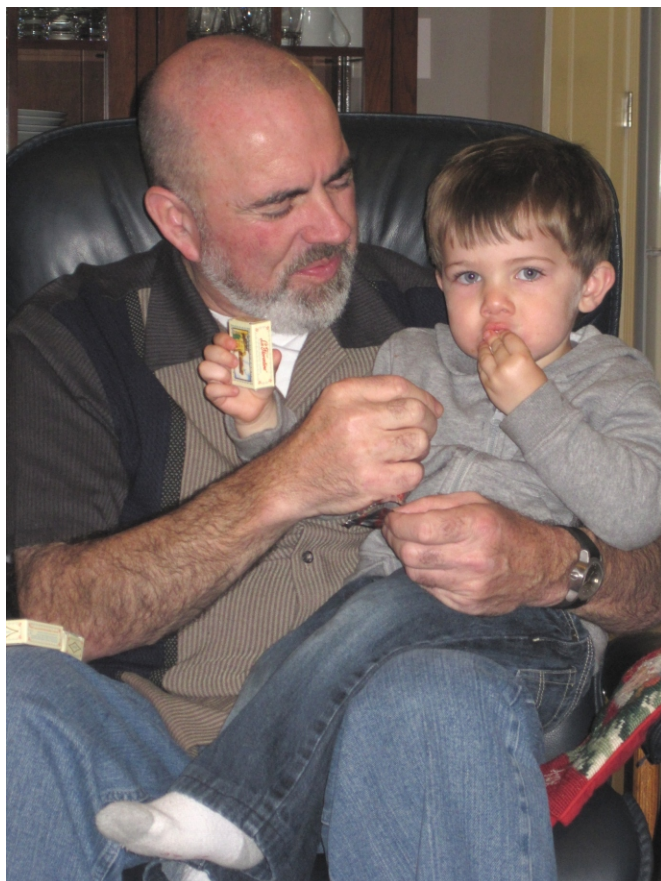




**Alexander drinking
milk through
Papa's drinking
straw glasses!**



**Alexander and Papa
sharing torrone candy**





**Opening Christmas stockings
on Christmas eve**



**Alex is playing with a hex robot bug,
and the other kids are shooting
their slingshot howler monkeys**



December 25, 2010
Alexander test drives his new
electric car “Lightning McQueen”
in the green belt near Grandma
and Papa’s house



A very merry Christmas!

